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SUMMARY. ARGENTINE MISSION COUNSELOR, WHILE URGING WE CONSIDER COMPROMISE ON TWO KOREA RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING DELETION OF MEMBERSHIP PARA, PREDICTED ARGENTINA WOULD ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST OUR RESOLUTION AND WOULD AT BEST ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING LEISURELY PRIVATE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH MISOFF OCT 5, ARGENTINE COUNSELOR PRAT GAY SPOKE AT LENGTH ON KOREA ISSUE.

2. ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION, HE RECALLED THAT ARGENTINA HAD ENTERED NON-SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS ON NAC KOREA RESOLUTION BUT STATED GOA NEVERTHELESS COULD NOT IGNORE ALGIERS POSITION: THUS ARGENTINA COULD DO NO BETTER IN FIRST COMITE THAN ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION REFLECTING NAC POSITION AND COULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, VOTE AGAINST IT.

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3. ON OUR RESOLUTION, PRAT GAY DWELT UPON DISSATISFACTION WITH

OPERATIVE PARA THREE ON MEMBERSHIP. IN EMPHASIS VARYING SLIGHTLY FROM REFTEL, HE STRESSED: GOA MUST OPPOSE THIS PARA BECAUSE MEMBERSHIP IS MATTER FIRST FOR SC AND ONLY THEN FOR GA, AND THUS HAS FLAVOR OF "ILLEGALITY"; PARA CONTRADICTS NAC RESOLUTION; PARA WOULD HAVE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT BECAUSE DPRK DOES NOT WANT MEMBERSHIP NOW; RETENTION OF PARA SIMPLY HEIGHTENS CHANCE FOR UNPRODUCTIVE UNGA BATTLE.

4. WHILE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSING DISMAY THAT RETENTION OF MEMBERSHIP PARA WOULD ENSURE CONFRONTATION, ARGENTINE COUNSELOR WARNED THAT ROK SUPPORTERS WERE IN LONG RUN RISKING ERODING LONG-TERM UN POSITION OF ROK AND BENEFITTING DPRK. FEW UN MEMBERS WANT DECISIVE DEFEAT FOR EITHER SIDE, AND THEREFORE SOME COMPROMISE WAS DESIRABLE PARTICULARLY SO BECAUSE COMPROMISE SEEMED ATTAINABLE. US, HE WARNED, SHOULD BE SENSITIVE, AS RESULT OF CHIREP, TO LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF HANGING ON TOO LONG TO AN "OUTDATED" POSITION. ALTHOUGH SITUATION OBVIOUSLY NOT PRECISELY COMPARABLE TO CHIREP, SIMILAR ELEMENTS, HE SAID, WERE PRESENT.

5. IN EXCHANGE ON POSSIBLE COMPROMISE, MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD HEARD CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION BUT THAT, GIVEN PATENTLY UNACCEPTABLE POSITIONS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, GAP APPEARS TO BE UNBRIDGEABLE; WE BELIEVE OUR RESOLUTION ALREADY REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE STEP FORWARD; IS REASONABLE REFLECTION OF SERIOUS CONCERNS FELT BY ROK, US AND OTHERS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE AND SECURITY ON PENINSULA; DOES NOT FORECLOSE FUTURE ACTION AND IS ONE THAT ARGENTINA -- LEAVING ALGIERS CONFERENCE ASIDE -- SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENDORSE. MISOFF STRESSED THAT GA PRONOUNCEMENT OF FOREIGN TROOPS ALONG LINES OF HOSTILE OPERATIVE PARA THREE IS OBVIOUSLY INAPPROPRIATE AND UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT HOSTILE OPERATIVE PARA TWO'S SIMPLISTIC TREATMENT OF UN ROLE REPRESENTED IRRESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO SERIOUS PROBLEM. ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY ALL WITH SINCERE CONCERN FOR PENINSULA, AND OUR FOURTH PARA AND RELATED PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE REFLECTED CONCERN IN REASONABLE NON-RIGID MANNER. THUS WE AND OTHER COSPONSORS, HOWEVER MUCH WE MIGHT SHARE PRAT GAY'S RELUCTANCE TO SEE CONFRONTATION, ARE PREPARED FOR IT; WOULD DEFEAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION  
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AND HAVE OUR REASONABLE RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

6. CONVERSATION ENDED WITH PRAT GAY INDICATING SKEPTICISM ABOUT OUTCOME AND REITERATING HIS HOPE, WHICH HE SAID HE KNEW TO BE SHARED BY VERY MANY OTHERS, THAT SOME WAY TO COMPROMISE WOULD BE FOUND.

7. COMMENT: US-EDUCATED PRAT GAY, WHO FOR EXAMPLE WAS PER-

SONALLY MARKEDLY HELPFUL TO US ON TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT ISSUE  
LAST YEAR DESPITE GOA OPPOSITION, HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN  
COOPERATIVE AND SYMPATHETIC IN HIS RELATIONS WITH USUN.  
WHILE FAITHFULLY REFLECTING ATTITUDES OF GOA ON THIS ISSUE,  
CONCERNS HE EXPRESSED ABOUT CURRENT CONFRONTATION  
SITUATION CLEARLY WERE STRONGLY FELT.  
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